GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of iron ore in the country and the extent to which it meets the domestic needs;

(b) whether any special package has been made for increasing the iron ore production;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government exports iron ore to the foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) The details of production and domestic consumption of iron ore in the country during the last three years is as follows:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year	Production of iron ore	Domestic consumption of iron ore
2003-04	122.83	51.26
2004-05	142.71	53.82
2005-06	155.00	58.00 (Provisional)

(Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur / Ministry of Mines)

From the above, it may be seen that iron ore production in India is sufficient to meet the domestic demand at present.

(b)&(c) : No, Sir. Does not arise.

(d)&(e) : No, Sir. Does not arise.